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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT--SEPARATE SCHEDULE ITEMS FOR SECRETARY
VANCE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPARATE ACTIVITIES BY SECRETARY
VANCE DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BRASILIA IF SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE
PERMITS.

2. WE DEDUCE FROM PRESIDENT'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE CONTAINED STATE
42623 THAT ONLY TIMES AVAILABLE FOR SECRETARY (I.E., TIMES DURING
WHICH HE WOULD NOT BE ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT) WOULD BE: (A)
APPROXIMATELY 30-40 MINUTES FOLLOWING END OF BILATERAL WITH PRESIDENT
GEISEL AT 1830 MARCH 29; (B) AT CONCLUSION OF WORKING DINNER HOST-
ED BY GEISEL LATER THAT EVENING; AND (C) BEFORE SECOND BILATERAL
WITH GEISEL BEGINNING AT 1000 MARCH30, IF THE SECRTA
Y DOES
NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO ATTEND THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS.

3. FOLLOWING THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL BILATERAL, WE WOULD SUGGEST
A 20-30 MINUTE MEETING WITH GENERAL GOLBERY, CHIEF OF PRESIDENT'S
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CIVIL HOUSEHOLD AND THE EMINENCE GRISE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION;
GOLBERRY'S OFFICE IS IN PLANALTO PALACE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S,
SO NO ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT WOULD BE ENTAILED. SUCH A MEETING WOULD,
OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH GEISEL'S OFFICE.

4. FOLLOWING THE WORKING DINNER, I.E., ENDING BETWEEN 9:30 AND
10:00 PM.M. MARCH 30, WE WOULD SUGGEST A 20-30 MINUTE (OR LONGER)

FOLLOW-ON CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL FIGUEIREDO, WHO WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL. FIGUEIREDO IS LIKELY TO BE A DINNER GUEST. WE RECOGNIZE THE POSSIBLE PUBLIC RELATIONS RISKS INHERENT IN THIS SUGGESTION. FIGUEIREDO IS STILL CHIEF OF THE SNI, WHICH IS SYNONYMOUS HERE WITH "THE CIA" IN ITS PEJORATIVE SENSE; HE WILL NOT YET HAVE BEEN "OFFICIALLY" NOMINATED BY ARENA, WHOSE CONVENTION WILL NOT MEET UNTIL APRIL 8-9; AND HE STILL HAS A SELF-PRONOUNCED, RAPIDLY FADING "RIVAL" IN SENATOR MEGALHAES PINTO. ALL THIS IS IN OUR MINDS OUTWEIGHED BY THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WILL PROVIDE WHAT MIGHT WELL BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR A RANKING MEMBER OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO "TAKE THE MEASURE" OF FIGUEIREDO UNTIL AFTER HE BECOMES PRESIDENT IN MARCH 1979. THE LOCALE OF SUCH A MEETING, WHICH WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH GEISEL'S OFFICE, COULD BE ALVORADA PALACE--WHERE THE DINNER WILL BE HELD, OR, PERHAPS, FIGUEIREDO'S OFFICE IN PLANALTO PALACE, WHICH IS ENROUTE BACK TO THE HOTEL FROM ALVORADA.

5. ALTHOUGH THE SECRETARY WILL BE IN THE COMPANY OF FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AT BOTH BILATERALS AND AT THE WORKING DINNER, WE BELIEVE COURTESY AND PROTOCOL MIGHT CALL FOR A BRIEF PRIVATE MEETING WITH SILVEIRA, AND WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS TAKE PLACE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHILE THE PRESIDENT IS VISITING THE CONGRESS, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO IT.

6. IF THE SECRETARY WOULD PREFER NOT TO SCHEDULE ANY APPOINTMENTS
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AFTER THE WORKING DINNER, A MEETING WITH FIGUEIREDO MIGHT BE ARRANGED FOLLOWING THE FIRST BILATERAL INSTEAD OF WITH GOLBERY. FIGUEIREDO'S OFFICE IS ALSO IN THE PLANALTO PALACE. GOLBERY IN TURN COULD POSSIBLY BE SCHEDULED IN PLACE OF SILVEIRA THE NEXT MORNING.
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